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In re the Application of: PAUL C. DUBUC Serial No.: DIVN. OF U.S. Patent Appln. 09/962,255 FILED SEPTEMBER 26, 2001 Filed: January 23, 2004 For: SOLID SURFACE MATERIAL FABRICATION STATION	Art Unit: Unknown Examiner: Not yet assigned
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

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Amendments to the Specification: begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks: begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Please add a new paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 as follows:

(New) This application is a division of pending U.S. Patent Application 09/962,255, filed September 26, 2001 which application is a divisional of and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/301,589, filed April 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,325,435 issued December 4, 2001, which application is a continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of U.S. application Serial No. 08/952,446, filed November 20, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,915,748, issued June 29, 1999, which application is a § 371 National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US97/12560, filed July 25, 1997, which application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 08/686,554, filed July 26, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,791,713 issued August 11, 1998.